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The Right Honourable John Cam Hobhouse, 1st Baron Broughton, PC (27 June 1786-3 June 1869), known as Sir John Cam Hobhouse, Bt from 1831 to 1851, was the eldest son of Sir Benjamin Hobhouse, born at Redland near Bristol, educated at Westminster School and at Cambridge, where he became intimate with Lord Byron, and accompanied him in his journeys in the Peninsula, Greece, and Turkey, and acted as his "best man". In 1816 he was with him after his separation from his wife, and contributed notes to the fourth canto of *Childe Harold*, which was dedicated to him.

Near this spot are deposited the remains of one who possessed Beauty without Vanity, Strength without Insolence, Courage without Ferocity, and all the Virtues of Man without his Vices. This praise, which would be unmeaning Flattery, if inscribed over human ashes, is but a just Tribute to the Memory of BOATSWAIN, a Dog.

- Hobhouse, John Cam

If the reviewing of books be... an ungentle craft, the making of them is, for the most part, a dishonest one -- and that department of literature which ought to be entrusted to those only who are distinguished for their moral qualities is, not infrequently, in the hands of authors totally devoid of good taste, good feeling, and generous sentiment. The writers of *Lives* have, in our time, assumed a license not enjoyed by their more scrupulous predecessors -- for they interweave the adventures of the living with the memoirs of the dead; and, pretending to portray the peculiarities which sometimes mark the man of

genius, they invade the privacy and disturb the peace of his surviving associates.

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